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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: BARGEMEN'S STRIKE -- SHIPPING PROBLEM

1. WATERMAN LINES, WHICH OPERATES LASH SHIPBORNE BARGE SERVICES TO BAY OF BENGAL PORTS, ASKED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE WITH PROBLEM IT EXPERIENCING IN CALCUTTA PORT AS RESULT OF REPORTED CURRENT STRIKE BY INLAND BARGE CREWS.

2. WATERMAN'S AGENT REPORTS THAT IT HAS SOME 1000 TONS OF CARGO IN DOCKSIDE WAREHOUSE IN CALCUTTA AWAITING LOADING ON BOARD LASH BARGES, WHICH ARE DUE TO BE PICKED UP IN CALCUTTA PORT BY MOTHER SHIP. DOCK WORKERS ARE REPORTEDLY UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUSING TO LOAD THIS CARGO, EVEN THOUGH LOCAL BARGEMEN IN NO WAY INVOLVED WITH LASH OPERATIONS. DOCK WORKERS ARE, HOWEVER, REPORTEDLY LOADING CARGO ONTO BREAKBULK VESSELS OF INDIAN LINES, SCI AND SCINDIA. WATERMAN CONCERNED BY UNFAIR ADVANTAGE THIS GIVES TO INDIAN COMPETITORS.

3. CONSULATE REQUESTED TO VERIFY FACTS AT ISSUE AND

CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF WATERMAN'S PROBLEMS. CONSULATE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT SINCE LASH BARGES ARE COMPONENTS OF MOTHER SHIP AND WILL BE LOADED DIRECTLY ONTO MOTHER SHIP FROM PRESENT LOCATION, LASH OPERATIONS DO NOT INVOLVE LOCAL BARGEMEN. HENCE THERE APPEARS TO BE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR LASH OPERATIONS TO BE AFFECTED BY BARGEMEN'S STRIKE.

4. CONSULATE SHOULD COORDINATE ITS APPROACHES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES WITH WATERMAN AGENTS, THE ANGUS CO., LTD.

5. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF APPROACHES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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